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Subject:

Summary of Reclamation Surety Requirements, Quality Building Stone, Martin-Brown/Wilford 2 and Snow White Quarries, M0070037 and M0150084, Emery County, Utah

Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for your inquiry responding to the Division letter dated June 8, 2006. This letter provided information about the recent rule changes resulting in reclamation surety requirements for small mines and exploration projects within the state of Utah.

The Bureau of Land Management does not have a plan of operations for the Snow White Quarry and cannot agree to a surety amount until this plan has been approved. The Division cannot determine the surety amount without the BLM's consent, so for you to comply with the requirement to post adequate surety, it is necessary that you first file a plan of operations with the BLM. This should be done as soon as possible.

The Division assumes you will not be able to file the plan of operations with the BLM, have it reviewed, and gain approval by the December 8, 2006, deadline for filing a surety. Please submit a request for an extension to the deadline. The request needs to include a realistic time frame for submitting and gaining approval of the plan of operations.

The Division understands from the BLM that it is unlikely mining could ever be allowed at the Martin-Brown/Wilford 2 Quarry, M0070037, because of concerns about cultural resources, so the only option is to reclaim the site. The BLM has also stated that an archaeologist must be on site during at least some portions of the reclamation.

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The Division will waive the requirement to post a surety for this quarry if regrading and seeding can be completed by January 31, 2007. If it is impossible to complete reclamation within this timeframe for weather or other reasons, please inform us and provide justification for the additional time. If reclamation is sufficiently delayed, you will need to post a surety. The amount of the surety will need to be determined in conjunction with the BLM.

The Martin-Brown/Wilford 2 quarry is not the same as the nearby Italian Tan Quarry (M0070038) located on property owned by Utah Railway. Quality Building Stone has posted a reclamation surety for this site, and you have approval to mine this area.

If you need information about submitting the sureties, please contact the minerals surety coordinator, Beth Ericksen, at 801-538-5318, for assistance with the necessary details for completion of the paperwork. A reclamation contract will be required for completion of the of the surety process, and Beth Ericksen can help you with this document.

The Division appreciates your attentiveness and responsiveness to the rule changes that have occurred resulting in this reclamation surety requirement. If you have any questions or require discussion regarding the content of this letter, please contact Paul Baker at 801-538-5261 or Beth Ericksen at 801-538-5318.

Sincerely,

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